

Missouri State Advisory Council, Air Ambulance Sub Committee
August 8, 2006, Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, MO

In Attendance:

Ruby Mehrer	Jimm Murray
Bob Abrams	Kandi Sagehorn
Joan Drake	Paul Guptill
Chris Wilkens	DJ Satterfield
Kyle Ericson	Susan Crum
K.C. Jones	Seth Myers
Steve Bassett	Joe Grygiel
Roberta Quasnick	Jerry Kirchhoff

Guest speaker

Terry Toler, Planner, State Emergency Management Agency

Terry Toler was introduced and made some brief comments on the planning that is being conducted by the state in the event of a large natural disaster in the eastern corridor of the state. The example is a 7.6 magnitude earthquake that would devastate areas from St Louis down to the boothill area. Mr Toler handed out a packet of maps and charts and led discussion on how the air medical services of Missouri might be able to help by bringing in supplies and taking out patients.

There was discussion of command and control operations, set up of local emergency operations centers and the interface necessary with all the various responding agencies. There are not presently locked in staging areas or plans on how fuel would be supplied to the private air operations. Further work will be done on how all the interfaces will work. KC and Jerry raised points on how certain items were handled or worked out in the New Orleans area in the aftermath of Katrina.

Paul handed out several new screen prints on draft templates that he has worked up for helicopters to actively use the EMS system for status reports including weather turn downs. Paul went over the draft templates, one showing the list of all air medical services and their status and the other a template for what each air bases individual screen might look like. Seth mentioned that in Tennessee the air medical services got together and agreed up a flowchart, or algorithm that would be used by all air dispatch centers to insure that requestors would not be

“helicopter shopping” when they called in for a request. Seth volunteered to send it to committee members electronically. DJ mentioned that the intent of the past committee work has been to formalize a document that spelled out the guidelines and methods that all Missouri services would use to promote safety among pilots and crews in negative weather conditions. The document, the Missouri Weather Reporting Guideline, would reflect the committees work, once finalized and approved. Ruby suggested that everyone look at the present draft which includes the requested changes from last meeting and be prepared to discuss the document at the next meeting. Jimm mentioned that CAMTS Board was looking at amending both their weather reporting standard as well as their Position Statement on use of CAMTS for state guidelines as the present one has been used interpreted wrong or used improperly.

Due to time constraints of the meeting, it was agreed that committee discussion on the latest draft of the Dr Jermyn/state ems units thoughts on what might go into a revised ems regulation bill should be postponed to the next meeting to allow enough time to consider the draft. Version 1.6 is the latest and each program indicated they had a copy. Kandi asked what was the timing of our comments back to Dr Jermyn in relation to when the Department must finalize their proposed draft legislation. Paul and Jimm indicated that they thought it must be done by the end of September. Based on that, the group agreed that an air sub committee should be held in early September to allow enough time for our comments to be meaningful and useful to the state officials. September 6th, a Wednesday, was put aside as the date for the extensive discussion of Version 1.6 air considerations. Jefferson City was the agreed upon location.